Statement II

INDIA'S EXPORTS TO PRINCIPAL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DURING APRIL-JANUARY, 1992-93

Country	Exports in Rs. Crores	Exports in US $ million	Country	Exports in Rs. Crores	Exports in US $ million
Afganistan	86.65	30.30	Mauritius	144.04	50.37
Algeria	32.68	11.43	Morocco	37.90	13.25
Argentina	65.24	22.81	Nepal	176.44	61.70
Bangladesh	800.82	280.05	Nigeria	347.55	121.54
Brazil	34.52	12.07	Oman	176.55	61.74
China P.R.	256.19	89.59	Pakistan	118.57	41.46
Egypt	254.80	89.10	Philippines	141.75	49.57
Indonesia	291.65	101.99	Saudi Arabia	954.87	333.92
Iran	273.32	95.58	Singapore	1227.98	429.43
Kuwait	269.05	94.09	Srilanka	525.60	183.80
Malaysia	460.42	161.01	Tanzania	164.81	57.63

Statement on Dunkal Proposals

705. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that he has stated that the Dunkal proposals are to benefit farmers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that farmers are agitating on the Dunkal proposals; and

(c) what is the stage of Dunkal proposals as far as its implementation on India is concerned ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) The reduction of export and other subsidies on agricultural items by the developed countries will create opportunities for Indian exports of such items.

A rally was organised on 3 March 1993 jointly by the Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU|IND-M.S. Tikait) U.P. the BKU (Lokhowal), Punjab and the Karnataka Farmers Association, to protest against the Dunkal proposals.

The Uruguay Round negotiations have not yet concluded. The question of implementation of the Dunkal proposals, therefore, does not arise.

Plight of Tobacco Growers in Guntur

706. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report appearing in the Hindu dated 10th April, 1993 stating that the President of the Guntur Tobacco Growers and Curers Cooperative Societies commented that the Tobacco growers had been sadly neglected despite the fact that Tobacco Board helped the Nation to earn about Rs. 450 crores in foreign exchange and net about Rs. 2,000 crores as excise revenue per annum;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto and steps proposed by Government to redress their grievances;